

Major under pressure to release secret document that would seal MP's fate

## Hamilton admits: I took money



Blair spells out his 'Age of Achievement' for Britain




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## HAMILTON'S TANGLED WEB

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Judge rules that public interest demands the Crown should disclose as many documents as the law allows

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New Labour, Old Testament
'We are back as the people's party, and that's why the people are coming back to us. Labour has come home to you'


## Blair's promise is new age

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LABOUR IN BLACKPOOL 5

'The true mission of the Labour Party, new and old, is not to hold people back but to help them get on. All the people. Each generation doing better than the last'

## of achievement



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| s <br> LNIOR Labour sources last night gave a tough warning to the priva- utilities to call of their concerted propaganda cam- paign against the party's. planned windrall tsx, revealing for the first time that it could raise more than 25 billion. <br> Gordon Brown is determined to keep the privatised they will be included on the panderstood to be wider than expected, until after the elec- tion. The shadow chancellor is becoming increasingly ex noeuvring to avoid the impact of the tax and their efforts to affacted industries to boost their cla <br> "The utilities are playing a dangerous and irresponsible game. sticial said. "Wie have no intention of revealing until our cluded, but I would say that \&3 to 85 bilion is a conserva will raise." <br> The privatlsed utilities have intensified their lobby- ing efforts at Labour's conference, and union officials rep- | "tax 0g jobs". |
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News in brief
Turkey condemned on human rights

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Europe to fight US trade laws



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Parents of 'spy' seek mercy










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Jonathan Steele in Kabul finds the guerrillas anxious to soften the first impact of their brutal victory Taliban woos world opinion

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Burmese crackdown tightens noose around Suu Kyi

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## News in brief "Dirty war. accusation

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Ian Katz reports from Austin on a quixotic Texan's campaign for the Senate, and his 'kiss my butt' list
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| long identified its interests winification. cause of European <br> This is particularly true now that Umberto Bossi. the leader of the Northern League, has raised the prospect of se has raised the prospect of se- cession. One of his main arguments is that the rich north of Italy would have no difificulty with monetary union were it wit monetary umion Italy's finance minister, | ian government approved the most draconian budget in demeet the Maastricht criteria - Mr Chirac's comments provoked bitter anger. <br> After France's ambassador was called in, President Chirac said Italian policy was "on the right path". He "ardently hoped" the lira could join the first group of curren. cies to be pooled. |
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| 'Spain is not interested in holding hands with Rome on the road to Maastricht ${ }^{*}$ |  |
| Vincenzo Visco, said membership of the first group to thing that can keep the Youncry united when President Chiregan quoted as sayimg that things would now move quickly for the effort to clean up their economic and financial situa. tion": "Ie was said to have added: "It may take a little bit longer for those further be hind, like Italy." Coming soon after the Ital- | There was no such damage prime minister. II an inter- view on Monday Mr Aznar velew on Monday, Mir Aznar retterated what had already been widely reported - that the Italian prime minister the Italian prime minister had tried to inveigle him into joining a common front union by at least a year. <br> "He wanted Spain and Ytaky to waik together holding hands nar said "Tm not interested in be there, right at the start:" |



## Belgium plans soft austerity

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## Hamas 'poised for comeback'

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## Preparing for office <br> For Tony Blair it can't come too quickly

TONY BLAIR intends to be Britain's |tions, which some had assumed next prime minister. Yesterday he conference at Blackpool was the wour simple and daunting. It was to make his Labour can get back into government a compelling attempt to fulfil that mas most satisfying account of the Nev Although his yet delivered. with great warmth and approval by al speech was foll to his critics. His warnings about the rules under which the party of sound dinance, good house the party of classlesss Britain, offering industry alike. Labour the party deceuy and achievement Above al new world, said Mr Mlair, and there wit ages, this the the clock. In these pss teed that the Biairite revolution will Yet there was aleo
Yet there was also a tone which has
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## The simple biti Neil Hamilton lied

The difficult bit: what should Parliament do about lan Greer?

THE SIGHT of Neil Hamilton and La Grear tradling round the television $\left\lvert\, \begin{array}{ll}\text { accept that they were lied to - and they } \\ \text { must make plain what action they will }\end{array}\right.$ mpecuniosity as the cause of their rue artist at work - pleasure to see the men at he height of their powers, lying irst time why it was that wealthy rs into thener qualmed to press used fiv antasies and them to their unquie he $H$ be cone about them? pler problem. Never mind his evasion natter so serious and cheer is one other ven his silver tongue canor cut tha way. Geofirey Robertson QC referred
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## Closing down the Cold War

## Now it's all over do we stilf need armies of spycatchers?

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Summoner of dreams



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## Bolton set to pay Chelsea £1．5m for striker Hughes



First Division：Portsmouth 2，Crystal Palace 2
Bradbury quick on draw


| with Turner，Simpson and and Bradbury，an ex－soldiers， betrayed his inexperience with two elaring errors with with two giaring only Nash to beat． <br> Their wastefulness was compounded when Palace Showed the strok of rut heses ness in front of goal which has destrosed recent opposi－ tion．Hopkin＇s shot was beaten out by Flahavan and Freedman＇s low uroos was turned in by Veart at the post in the $28 t h$ minute． <br> Palace were transformed． Fad strugeled to settue，they had struggled to settre，they threatened to over．run Pom－ pey．Freedman hit the bar， perb reflex save from Dyer but then when furtber goals mouth equalised． <br> In the 43 rd minute Carter＇s pace took him clear down the right and Paul Hall ran in his cross at the near post to leave rare moment of excitement Portsmouth may have lost |  |
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## Grimsby Town 1，Norwich City 4

Eadie does it for Norwich

| ORWICH CITY and Mike Warker is clearly a marriage made in heaven．The silver hair is now as white as the Dulux dog but his return to East Anglia has put tresh gloss on Last nijht＇s exhilarattng dis play at Blundell Park put Nor． wich top of the First Division and surgested they are <br> The dog days of Robert Chase s chairnanship of Nor－ player was immediately sold， But Walker＇s revival is based upon sound husbandry．he has sold a top striker，Sheron， and bought nobody．but in－ spired those who remam． Norwich＇s first－halr perfor－ |
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Goldstone faces more games behind closed doors after angry fans once again stopped play last night

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## Pitch invasion caps Brighton misery



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